GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA

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INCLUSION OF KUTCH DISTRICT UNDER APDP
DILEEP SANGHANI

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to cover Kutch district under the special category scheme of 90% grant and 10% loan as against the normal pattern of assistance;

(b) if so, whether any request from the State Government has been received in this regard; and

(c) if so, the decision taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) to (c) : The Principal Secretary, Energy & Petrochemical Department of the Government of Gujarat, vide his letter dated February 5, 2001 had requested for restoration of the power supply in the earthquake affected areas in Kutch District and requested that funds for rebuilding the sub-transmission and distribution network in Kutch District may be provided under the Accelerated Power Development Programme (APDP) under special dispensation. The Government of India has sanctioned an amount of Rs.96.00 crores as financial assistance under APDP, for Bhuj in Kutch District, with 50% grant and 50% loan. The Accelerated Power Development Programme (APDP) now known as the Accelerated Power Development and Reform Programme (APDRP) was introduced in February, 2000 with the focused objective of initiating a financial turnaround in the performance of the state owned power utilities. The scheme does not cover natural calamities. As of now, APDRP does not provide for areas affected by natural calamities under special category. This has wider ramifications and would require consultation/concurrence of the concerned Ministries/Departments of the Government of India.